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THE

LAST INCORPORATION

Of the WORSHIPFUL COMPANY of

FISHMONGERS,

OF LONDON:

To which is annexed ſeveral of the

MOST PARTICULAR BYE-LAWS

OF THE SAID

COMPANY;

AND ALSO A

SUMMARY of their MEETINGS. GIFTS, APPOINTMENTS, &c.

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James the Ist.

JAMES, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these present Letters shall come, greeting, KNOW ye, that we of our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, have willed, constituted, declared and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Do will, ordain, constitute, declare and grant, that the Freemen of the Mistery of *Fishmongers* of the City of *London*, commonly called by the Name of the Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of *Fishmongers* of the City of *London*; or by whatsoever Name or Names they are called or named, and their Successors, from henceforth for ever, may and shall be by Force of these Presents, One Body Corporate and Politique, in Deed, Fact and Name, by the Name of Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of *Fishmongers* of the City of *London*; And them by the Name of Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of *Fishmongers* of the City of *London*, one Body Corporate and Politique, in Deed, Fact and Name, really and at full for Us, our Heirs and Successors, We do erect, make, ordain, constitute and declare by these Presents.

A Body Corporate and Politique, to be called by the Name of the Wardens, &c.

AND that by that Name they shall have perpetual Succession.

By that Name have Succession.

AND that they and their Successors, by the Name of Wardens and Commonalty of the Mistery of *Fishmongers* of the City of *London*, may and shall be at all times hereafter, Persons able, and in Law capable to have, purchase, receive and possess, Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements,

By that Name purchase and receive and possess Manors, &c.

nements, Liberties, Priviledges, Juriſdictions, Franchiſes and Hereditaments, of whatſoever Nature, Sort or kind they ſhall be, To them and their Succeſſors, in Fee and Perpetuity, or for Term of a Year or Years, or otherwiſe howſoever; and alſo Goods and Chattels, and whatſoever other things, of what Name, Nature, Quality or Kind ſoever.

Alſo to give, grant &c. Manors, &c. by that Name.

AND alſo to give, grant, demiſe, alien, aſſign and diſpoſe Manors, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and to do and execute all and ſingular other Acts and Things by the Name aforeſaid.

Plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, &c.

AND that by that Name of Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, they ſhall and may plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended, in all Courts and Places, and before whatſoever Judges and Juſtices, and other Perſons and Officers of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, in all and ſingular Actions, Pleas, Suits, Plaints, Cauſes, Matters and Demands whatſoever, of whatſoever Kind, Quality or Sort they ſhall be, in the ſame Manner and Form as any other of our Subjects of this our Realm of *England*, Perſons able and capable in Law, or any other Body Corporate and Politique within the Realm of *England*, may and can have, purchaſe, receive, poſſeſs, enjoy, retain, give, grant, demiſe, alien, aſſign and diſpoſe, plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended, do, permit, or execute.

To have a Common Seal.

AND that the Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London* aforeſaid, ſhall have a Common Seal, to ſerve for all whatſoever the Cauſes and Buſineſſes of them and their Succeſſors, for ever. And that it ſhall and may be lawful to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, the ſame Seal, at their Pleaſure, from Time to Time, to break, alter, and of new to make, as to them ſhall ſeem beſt to be and to be done.

Six of the Commonalty to be choſen Wardens, as hereunder mentioned.

AND FURTHER we will, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant, to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, and to their Succeſſors,

That

That from henceforth, for ever, there may and ſhall be, ſix of the Commonalty of the Miſtery aforeſaid, choſen in ſuch Manner as is hereunder in theſe Preſents mentioned, who ſhall be, and ſhall be called the Wardens of the Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*.

28 of the Commonalty to be choſen Aſſiſtants.

AND that there ſhall and may likewiſe be Twenty-eight, or any other Number, not exceeding the ſame Number of Twenty-eight, of the Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, aforeſaid, in form in theſe Preſents hereunder mentioned to be choſen, who ſhall be, and ſhall be called Aſſiſtants to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, and from Time to Time, ſhall be Aſſiſtants, and helping to the ſame Wardens for the Time being, in all Cauſes, Matters and Buſineſſes, touching or concerning the ſame Wardens or Commonalty.

Wardens and Aſſiſtants on a Public Summons, have Power to make Laws, &c.

AND further we will and by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, and to their Succeſſors, That the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſame Miſtery for the Time being, or the greater Part of them (being congregated together upon a Public Summons to that end to be made) ſhall, and may have full Power and Authority, to eſtabliſh, conſtitute, ordain and make, from Time to Time, in Writing, reaſonable Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, Decrees and Conſtitutions whatſoever, which to them, or the greater Part of them, ſhall ſeem to be according to their good Diſcretions, good, wholeſome, profitable, honeſt, and neceſſary for the good Rule and Government of the Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery aforeſaid, and of all and ſingular Freemen of the ſame Miſtery, and of all other Perſons within the City of *London* and Borough of *Southwark* in the County of *Surry*, and the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts of the ſame City and Borough, exerciſing and occupying the Miſtery aforeſaid, and their Servants, Apprentices, Things and Merchandizes, concerning the ſame Miſtery; and for declaration in what Manner and Order the ſame Wardens and Aſſiſtants, and all and ſingular Perſons of the Commonalty of the Miſtery aforeſaid, in their

their Offices and Miniſteries, ſhall behave, bear and uſe themſelves, for the more public Good, and common Profit of the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery aforeſaid, and for other Things and Cauſes whatſoever, any way touching or concerning the ſame Miſtery.

And to provide ſuch Pains, Punihments, &c.

AND that the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Miſtery aforeſaid, for the Time being, or the more Part of them, how often ſoever they ſhall in Form aforeſaid make, ordain, or eſtabliſh ſuch Laws, Rights, Statutes, Inſtitutions, Ordinances, and Conſtitutions: They ſhall and may, from Time to Time, make, limit, and provide ſuch Pains, Puniſhments, and Penalties, by Impriſonment of Body, or by Fines and Amerciaments, or by both of them, towards and upon all Offenders againſt the ſame Laws, Rights, Statutes, Inſtitutions, Ordinances and Conſtitutions, or any of them, as to the ſame Wardens and Aſſiſtants, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them ſhall ſeem neceſſary, fit and requiſite to be done, for the Obſervation of the ſame Laws, Ordinances, and Conſtitutions: And the ſame Fines and Amerciaments may levy, and have to the Uſe of the ſame Wardens and Commonalty, of the Miſtery aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, without let of us our Heirs and Succeſſors, or of any Officer or Miniſter, or Officers or Miniſters of Us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, and without any Account thereof to Us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, to be given: All and ſingular which Laws, Ordinances, Statutes and Conſtitutions as aforeſaid, to be made, We command to be obſerved upon the Pains in the ſame to be contained, ſo as, notwithſtanding, that the ſame Laws, Ordinances, Conſtitutions, Pains, Puniſhments, Penalties, Impriſonments, Fines and Amerciaments, be reaſonable and not repugnant to the Laws, Statutes, Cuſtoms, or Rights of our Realm of *England*.

And to levy the ſame.

AND, for the better Execution of our Will and Grant in this Behalf, we have aſſigned, named, created, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do aſſign, nominate, create, conſtitute and make, our well beloved *John Leman*, *James Gardiner*, *William Bennett*, *William Angell*, *John Harper*, and *Marten*

Firſt Six Wardens nominated.

Marten Freeman, to be the firſt and preſent Six Wardens of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of the City of *London*, to continue in the ſame Office, from the Date of theſe Preſents, until *Monday* next before the Feaſt of Saint *John Baptiſt*, which ſhall be in the Year of our Lord 1606, and from thence, until Six others to the ſame Office of Wardens of the ſame Miſtery ſhall be elected and made, according to the Ordinances and Proviſions in theſe Preſents expreſſed and declared, if the ſame *John Leman*, *James Gardiner*, *William Bennett*, *William Angell*, *John Harper*, and *Marten Freeman*, ſhall ſo long live.

First Aſſiſtants nominated.

AND we have aſſigned, nominated, created, and made, and by theſe Preſents, for us our Heirs and Succeſſors, do aſſign, create, nominate and make, our well beloved *Thomas Hunt*[1] *Knight*, *John*[2] *Haines*, *Henry Hayward*[3], *John Porter*[4], *John Archer*[5], *Thomas Bagſhaw*[6], *Nicholas*[7] *Barry*, *John*[8] *Eaſt*, *William*[9] *Pennington*, *George*[10] *Gippes*, *Richard*[11] *Pointell*, *William*[12] *Goddard*, *Roger*[13] *Owfield*, *John*[14] *Pain*, *Robert*[15] *Pennington*, *William*[16] *Blewe*, *John*[17] *Field*, *William*[18] *Tapp*, *William*[19] *Allen*, *John*[20] *Peart*, *John*[21] *Jenings*, *William*[22] *Sanderſon*, *John*[23] *Hay*, *George*[24] *Hyer*, and *John*[25] *Cooper*, to be the firſt and preſent Aſſiſtants to the Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, during their natural Lives, unleſs, in the mean Time, for evil Governance, or for evil Behaviour, in that Behalf, or for ſome reaſonable cauſe, they or any of them, ſhall be amoved.

Every ſecond Year, on *Monday* next before the Feaſt of Saint *John Baptiſt*, to chooſe Six, of the Commonalty, Wardens for the Two Years next enſuing.

AND further we Will, and by theſe Preſents, for Us our Heirs and Succeſſors, we grant to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of the City of *London*, and to their Succeſſors, That the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſame Myſtery, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them, from Time to Time for ever, ſhall, and may have full Power and Authority, every ſecond Year for ever, upon *Monday* next before the Feaſt of Saint *John Baptiſt*, to nominate and chooſe: And that they may elect and chooſe Six of the Commonalty, of the Miſtery aforeſaid, who ſhall be Wardens, of the ſame Miſtery, for Two whole Years then next following:

ing: And that they, which ſhall be elected into the Office of Wardenſhip of the Miſtery aforeſaid, may execute and exerciſe the Office of Wardenſhip, of the Miſtery aforeſaid, for Two whole Years then next following, (A corporal Oath being by them firſt taken before the laſt Wardens, of the ſame Miſtery, their laſt Predeceſſors, or ſo many of them as ſhall ſurvive and be preſent, and ſo many of the Aſſiſtants, of the ſame Miſtery, as ſhall then be preſent) well, rightly and honeſtly to execute the ſame Office of Wardenſhip, of the ſame Miſtery, in all Things concerning the ſame Office.

To take an Oath.

Warden dying, or being amoved, another to be choſen, being free.

AND moreover we Will, and by theſe Preſents, for Us our Heirs and Succeſſors, we grant to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty, of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London* and to their Succeſſors, That if it ſhall happen the Wardens, of the ſame Miſtery, for the Time being, or any of them at any Time hereafter, within Two Years after they ſhall be elected and admitted to the ſame Office of Wardens, of the ſame Miſtery, to die, or from the ſaid Office to be amoved, (which ſaid Wardens, and every of them, for evil Government or for any reaſonable Cauſe, by the greater Part of the ſame Wardens, and the greater Part of the ſame Aſſiſtants, from Time to Time being, we Will, ſhall be amoveable): That and then, ſo often, it ſhall be lawful to ſuch, and ſo many of the ſame Wardens and Aſſiſtants, as ſhall then over-live or remain, or the greater Part of them, at their Pleaſure to elect and admit one or more others, being free of the ſame Miſtery, to be Warden or Wardens, of the ſame Miſtery, to ſupply the ſame Number of Six Wardens, of the ſame Miſtery, according to the Ordinances and Proviſions above, by theſe Preſents, declared; to execute and exerciſe the ſame Office of Warden or Wardens, of the ſame Miſtery; (a corporal Oath, in Form aforeſaid, being taken) and ſo as often as the Caſe ſhall happen.

To take an Oath.

Aſſiſtants dying or being amoved another to be choſen out of the Commonalty.

AND further we Will, that whenſoever it ſhall happen any one or more of the ſame Aſſiſtants, of the ſame Miſtery, to die, or from their Office of Aſſiſtants, of the ſame Miſtery, for any reaſonable Cauſe

Cauſe to be amoved (which ſaid Aſſiſtants and every of them, not well behaving themſelves in their Offices, we Will to be amoveable at the good Pleaſure of the Wardens and Aſſiſtants, of the ſame Miſtery, for the Time being, or the greater Part of them) That then, and ſo often, it ſhall and may be lawful to the ſame Wardens and Aſſiſtants, of the Miſtery aforeſaid, for the Time being, then over-living or remaining, or to the greater Part of them, within convenient Time after the Death or amoving of ſuch Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants ſo happening to die, or be amoved, one other or more of the Commonalty of the Miſtery aforeſaid, into Place or Places of the ſame Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants, ſo dying or being amoved, to elect, name and prefer to ſupply the ſame Number of Twenty-eight Aſſiſtants, or to ſupply any other Number, not exceeding the ſame Number of Twenty-eight Aſſiſtants.

To purchaſe, &c. Meſſuages, Lands, &c. without our City of *London* and Suburbs, not exceeding the yearly Value of £20, notwithſtanding the Mortmain Act.

And beſides of our bounteous and ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, we have given and granted, and by theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we give and grant to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, ſpecial Licence and free and lawful Power, Faculty and Authority, to have, purchaſe, receive and poſſeſs, to them and their Succeſſors for ever, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feedings, Paſtures, Woods, Underwoods, Parſonages, Tithes, Rents, Reverſions, and other Hereditaments whatſoever, within our Realm of *England*, or elſewhere within our Dominions, without our City of *London* and Suburbs of the ſame, as well of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, as of any other Perſon and Perſons which are not holden immediately of Us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, in *capite* or by Knights Service, ſo as the ſame Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feedings, Paſtures, Woods, Underwoods, Parſonages, Tithes, Rents, Reverſions, Services, and other Hereditaments, in the Whole, do not exceed the clear yearly Value of Twenty Pounds, above all Charges and Reprizes; The Statute for Lands and Tenements not to be put in Mortmain, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Proviſion, heretofore had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing, Cauſe, or Matter whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding,

withſtanding, And without any Writ of *(ad quod damnum)* or any other Writ, Inquiſition, or Warrant, therefore to be proſecuted, made or obtained.

Any Perſon may give, grant, &c. Meſſuages, Lands, &c. out of our City of *London* and Suburbs, to the Wardens, &c. not exceeding the yearly Value of £20, notwithſtanding the Mortmain Act.

And alſo we give and grant for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, by theſe Preſents, to every of the Subjects of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, ſpecial Licence and lawful Power, Faculty and Authority, That they, or any of them, ſhall and may give, grant, ſell, bequeath, or alien, Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feedings, Paſtures, Woods, Underwoods, Parſonages, Tithes, Rents, Reverſions, Services and other Hereditaments whatſoever, out of our City of *London* and Suburbs of the ſame, which are not holden of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors in *capite* or otherwiſe by Knights Service, To the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, and to their Succeſſors, ſo as all the ſame Meſſuages, Lands, Tenements, Meadows, Feedings, Paſtures, Woods, Underwoods, Rectories, Tithes, Rents, Reverſions, Services, and other Hereditaments, ſo to be given, granted, bequeathed, or aliened to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty, and their Succeſſors, do not exceed the clear yearly Value of Twenty Pounds by Year, above all Charges and Reprizes, the Statute for Lands and Tenements not to be put in Mortmain, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, or Proviſion, heretofore had, made, ordained or provided, or any other Thing, Cauſe or Matter whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

Search of Fiſh, and to enter Shops, &c. where the ſame is, if bad, to ſieze and diſpoſe of.

And moreover we will, and by theſe Preſents for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we grant to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, and to their Succeſſors, That the ſame Wardens and the Aſſiſtants of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London* aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, which for the Time ſhall be from Time to Time hereafter for ever, ſhall have, make and uſe, within the City of *London*, and within the Liberties and Suburbs of the ſame, and within our Borough of *Southwark* aforeſaid, at all convenient Times, the full and entire Survey, Search, Government and Correction, of all and ſingular Perſons, Denizens and Strangers,

and

and of all others whatſoever, of whatſoever Art or Miſtery they ſhall be, ſelling or having, poſſeſſing or keeping, to ſell, any ſalted Fiſh, ſalted Herrings, freſh Fiſh of the Sea, Salmons, Stock Fiſh, or any other Fiſhes whatſover, within the ſame City of *London*, Liberties or Suburbs of the ſame City, or within the ſame Borough of *Southwark*, and the Liberties and Precincts of the ſame Borough: And that it ſhall be lawful to the Wardens of the ſame Miſtery, for the Time being, and to every of them from Time to Time, and at all Times convenient, whenſoever it ſhall ſeem good unto them, or any of them, to enter into any Houſe, Shop, Ship, Cellar, Wharfe, and other Place and Places whatſoever, within the City and Borough aforeſaid, or either of them, or within the Suburbs, Liberties or Precincts of the ſame City or Borough, or either of them, where any ſuch ſalted Fiſh, ſalted Herrings, freſh Fiſh of the Sea, Salmons, Stock Fiſh, or other Fiſh whatſoever ſhall be laid or houſed, wither the ſame be in Caſk or without Caſk, and to view, ſearch, and ſurvey wither the ſame be wholeſome for Mans Body, and fit to be ſold or no: And if the ſame Fiſh, either freſh or ſalt Herrings, Salmons, Stock Fiſh, or other Fiſh whatſoever, by them or any of them, within the City, Borough, Suburbs, Liberties or Precincts aforeſaid, in ſuch Search ſhall be found to be unwholeſome or corrupt, or unfit to be ſold, That then it ſhall be lawful to the ſame Wardens, of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* aforeſaid, or to any of them, the ſame bad, unwholeſome and corrupt Fiſh, from the Owners and Poſſeſſors thereof, as forfeit, to take and ſeize, and thereof to diſpoſe and do, according to our Laws of *England*, and the Uſages and Cuſtoms of the ſaid City of *London* and Borough aforeſaid, from Time to Time uſed and frequented.

Confirming all former Grants and Priviledges, by whatſoever Name holden.

And moreover, of our ample and ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, we give, grant and confirm, for Us our Heirs and Succeſſors, to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of the City of *London*, and to their Succeſſors, all and ſingular ſo many, ſuch the ſame, and the like Lands, Tenements, Reverſions, Rents, Services and Hereditaments, Goods, Chattels, Cuſ-

toms, Liberties, Priviledges, Franchiſes, Immunities, Quittances, Exemptions, Orders, Ordinances, Juriſdictions, as the late Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of the City of *London*, and the Wardens of the Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of the City of *London*, and the Wardens of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of the City of *London*, and the Commonalty of the ſame Miſtery, and our Lieges the Men of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of our City of *London*, and the Freemen of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of the City of *London*, or any of them or their Predeceſſors, or the Predeceſſors of any of them by the ſame Names or any of them, or by any other Name or Names whatſoever, or by whatſoever Incorporation, or by Pretence of any Incorporation heretofore had, uſed, or did enjoy, or at this preſent have, hold, poſſeſs, or do uſe or enjoy, or ſhould or ought to have had, holden, uſed, or enjoyed to them and their Succeſſors for ever, by Reaſon or Pretence of any Charter, Gift, Grant, or Confirmation, to them or any of them, heretofore made, granted or confirmed, or by Reaſon or Pretence of any Preſcription, Uſe or Cuſtom, or by whatſoever other Meane, Right or Title heretofore had, uſed or accuſtomed, albeit the ſame or any of them heretofore were not uſed, or were abuſed, or evil uſed, or diſcontinued: And albeit the ſame or any of them be forfeited or loſt: To have, hold and enjoy to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers*, of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors for ever: And yielding and paying, therefore, to Us our Heirs and Succeſſors, ſo great, ſo many, ſuch the ſame, and the like Rents, Services, Sums of Money and Demands whatſoever, as were accuſtomed or of Right ought to be paid.

To enjoy all the ſame Liberties, Authorities, &c. according to thoſe Letters Patent, without Lett of our Heirs, &c.

WHEREFORE we will, and by theſe Preſents firmly enjoining, we command, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, that the ſame Wardens, and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, and their Succeſſors, ſhall and may have, hold, uſe and enjoy for ever, all the ſame Liberties, Authorities, Juriſdictions, Cuſtoms, Orders, Ordinances, Franchiſes, Quittances, Lands, Tenements, Hereditaments, Goods and Chattels, according to the Tenor and Effect of theſe our Letters

Letters Patent, without any Occaſion or Lett of Us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, Juſtices, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, or other Miniſters whatſoever, of Us our Heirs or Succeſſors.

Forbidding the Wardens and Commonalty being moleſted for any Abuſe before the Day of the Date of theſe Preſents.

FORBIDDING that the ſame Wardens and Commonalty, or their Succeſſors or any of them, by reaſon of the Premiſes, or any of them, by Us, or our Heirs, Juſtices, Sheriffs, Eſchetors, or other Bailiffe, or Miniſters whatſoever of Us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, ſhall be called in Queſtion, moleſted, vexed, grieved, or in any Sort diſturbed, willing, and, by theſe Preſents, charging and commanding, as well our Treaſurer, Chancellor, and Barons of the Exchequer, of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, and to other the Juſtices of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, as to the Attorney and Solicitor General of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, for the Time being, and to all other Officers and Miniſters of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors whatſoever, for the Time being: That neither they, nor any of them, any Writ or Summons of *(Quo Warranto)* or any other Writ, Writs, or Proceſſes whatſoever, of ours againſt the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery aforeſaid, or any of them, for any Cauſes, Things, Matters, Offences, Claims, putting in uſe, or any of them, by them or any of them due, claimed, attempted, uſed, had, or uſurped before the Day of the making of theſe Preſents, ſhall proſecute or continue, or make, or cauſe to be proſecuted or continued, willing alſo that the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery aforeſaid or any of them, by any of the Juſtices, Officers, or Miniſters aforeſaid, in or for the due Uſe, Claim, or Abuſe of any Liberties, Franchiſes, or Juriſdictions before the Date of the making of theſe Preſents, ſhall not be moleſted or impeached or thereupon compelled to anſwer.

To have theſe Letters Patent without Fee.

WE will alſo, and by theſe Preſents grant to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London* aforeſaid, That they ſhall have theſe our Letters Patent under our Great Seal of *England*, in due Manner made and ſealed, without Fine or Fee, great or ſmall, to us in the Hanniper of our Chancery, or elſewhere, by any Means to be yielded or paid.

ALBEIT

Albeit no Mention of the Yearly Value of the Premiſes.

ALBEIT expreſs Mention in theſe Preſents be not made of any true yearly Value, or of any other Value or Certainty of the Premiſes, or any of them, or of the other Gifts or Grants, by Us, or by any of our Anceſtors or Progenitors, to the ſame Wardens and Commonalty of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, heretofore made, or any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proviſion, Proclamation, or Reſtraint to the contrary heretofore had, made, ordained, or provided, or any other Matter, Cauſe or thing whatſoever, in any wiſe notwithſtanding. IN TESTIMONY whereof, theſe our Letters we have cauſed to be made Patent. WITNESS Ourſelf at *Weſtminſter*, *Triceſimo Die Auguſti*, *Anno Regni noſtri*, *Anglie*, *Francie & Hibernie Secundo*, *& Scotie triceſimo octavo*.

When granted. 23d of Auguſt. 2d of England, France and Ireland, and 8th of Scotland. Year of our Lord 1604.

Per breve de privato ſigello.

Particular BYE-LAWS. 1668

FIRST, It is ordained, that the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the Miſtery aforeſaid, for the Time being, or the greater Number of them, ſhall every ſecond Year, for ever, upon *Monday* next before the Feaſt of Saint *John Baptiſt*, according to the Charter, Uſe and Cuſtom of the ſaid Miſtery, aſſemble themſelves together, at their Common Hall, and being then and there ſo aſſembled, ſhall and may nominate, elect and chuſe, amongſt ſuch of themſelves, as for that Time being are of the Aſſiſtants of the ſame Miſtery, Six diſcrete, able and ſufficent Perſons, to be Six Wardens of the ſaid Miſtery for the two Years then next enſuing after the ſaid Election. The firſt of which ſaid Six Wardens ſo to be choſen, ſhall be called the Maſter or Prime Warden of the ſaid Miſtery, and ſhall be named and choſen of ſuch as then be or before that Time have been Aldermen or Sheriffs of the ſaid City of *London*, or have put themſelves to a Fine for the ſame, or either of them, or as then before have twice borne and paſſed the Place and Office of Warden of the ſaid Miſtery, with the Renter's Place of the ſame Miſtery, or have fined for the ſame Place or Office of Warden and Renter. Provided always, That for the preſerving and continuing of Love and Amity, and preventing and avoiding of Differences and Diſſention which may hereafter happen between the Members of the ſaid Miſtery, that no Freeman of this Company, of what Degree or Quality ſoever, ſhall be preferred to be Maſter or Prime Warden of the ſaid Miſtery, until he ſhall have firſt borne and undergone two of the Wardens Places of the ſaid Miſtery, under the Place of Maſter or Prime Warden of the Miſtery aforeſaid, with the Renter's Place, or have put himſelf to a Fine for the ſame, with the Renter's Place, if he have not been formerly Renter, unleſs he

Election of Wardens.

ſhall be by the ſaid Wardens and Aſſiſtants, aſſembled as aforeſaid, freed therefrom by Payment of £40: And that the two youngeſt Wardens of the ſaid ſix Wardens ſo to be choſen, ſhall be named and choſen out of ſuch of the Commonalty of the ſaid Miſtery as have not before that Time borne the Office of Warden of the ſaid Miſtery, and that the ſame two youngeſt Wardens ſhall be Renters, and ſhall be called the Renter Wardens of the ſaid Miſtery ſucceſſively, that is to ſay, the Fifth Warden ſhall be Renter of the ſaid Miſtery for the Year then next enſuing his Election, and the Sixth Warden ſhall be Renter of the ſaid Miſtery for the ſecond Year then next enſuing the ſaid Election; which Nomination and Election of the ſaid Six new Wardens ſhall on the ſame Day, or on the *Tueſday* then next following, about the End of the Feaſt or Dinner on that Day to be made or kept, be publiſhed and made known by Delivery of the Garland to ſuch of the ſaid new Wardens as ſhall then be preſent, and in their Abſence either to ſome other Perſon or Perſons of the ſaid Miſtery, of the ſame or like Quality, or to ſome other Perſon or Perſons, being a Stranger and a Perſon of Quality, then and there preſent as repreſenting the Perſon ſo abſent, in ſuch Sort as anciently hath been uſed and accuſtomed in the ſaid Miſtery; and immediately after the End of the ſaid Dinner, the ſaid Six new Wardens, or ſo many of them as ſhall be there preſent, ſhall, before the ſaid Six old Wardens, or any Three of them, and ſo many of the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery as ſhall be then preſent, take their ſeveral Oaths hereafter mentioned, well, rightly, and honeſtly to execute the ſame Office of Wardenſhip of the ſame Miſtery, in all Things concerning the ſame Office; and in caſe any of the ſaid new Wardens ſhall not be then preſent to take his or their Oath or Oaths, that then the ſame Perſon or Perſons ſo abſent, ſhall, within Six Days next after Notice given to him or them in Writiug, or left for him or them in Writing at his or their Dwelling-Houſe or Houſes reſpectively, by One of the Beadles, or any other Officer of the ſaid Miſtery, appear before the ſaid Old Wardens, or Three of them, and ſo many of the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery as can then be preſent at the Common Hall of the Miſtery aforeſaid, and take the ſaid Oath or Oaths as aforeſaid.

Prime Warden to put in Sureties for his true accounting.

AND it is further ordained, that the new Maſter or Prime Warden ſhall, within Eight Days after he ſhall have taken his Oath, with Two able and ſufficient Sureties, to be approved of by the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery for that Time being, or the greater Number of them at their Meeting commonly called a Court of Aſſiſtants, become bound unto Three or Four of the principal Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery to be nominated by the greater Number of the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery, by Obligation of the Penalty of £1500, conditioned for his true accounting and Payment and Delivery over, unto the next Maſter or Prime Warden that ſhall ſucceed him, of and for what ſhall come to his Hands touching the Miſtery aforeſaid, during the Time of his Maſterſhip or Prime Wardenſhip, as now is and hath been uſed in the Fellowſhip aforeſaid; and in caſe any ſuch Maſter or Prime Warden ſhall neglect or refuſe to take the Oath as aforeſaid, having Notice thereof as aforeſaid, or ſhall refuſe or neglect to become bound, with Sureties as aforeſaid, within the Time aforeſaid, he or they ſo neglecting or refuſing, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe of the ſaid Society the Sum of Fifty Pounds of lawful Money of *England* for ſuch Neglect or Refuſal, and ſhall be diſcharged from the ſaid Place and Office of Maſter or Prime Warden of the Miſtery aforeſaid.

Fine for Refuſal of Warden.

ALSO it is ordained, that if any Perſon or Perſons of the ſaid Miſtery, which at any Time hereafter ſhall be named and elected to be Warden of the ſaid Miſtery, being the Second, Third, and Fourth Wardens of the ſaid Miſtery, ſhall refuſe, neglect, or delay to take upon him or them, within Six Days after his or their Election, and like Notice thereof given to him or them, the Execution of the ſaid Place and Office of Warden of the ſaid Miſtery as aforeſaid, and to take the Oath aforementioned for the due Execution of the ſame, that then he, they, and every of them ſo refuſing, neglecting, or delaying either to take upon him or them, or any of them, the ſaid Place or Office, or to take the ſaid Oath as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the ſaid Society, for every ſuch Offence, Refuſal, Neglect, or Delay, the Sum of £10 of lawful Money of *England*.

ALSO

Renter Warden to put in Sureties for true accounting.

ALSO it is ordained, that the Senior Renter Warden ſhall, within Eight Days next after he ſhall have taken his Oath of Warden as aforeſaid, with Two able and ſufficient Sureties, to be approved of by the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery for that Time being, or the greater Number of them at their Meeting commonly called a Court of Aſſiſtants, become bound unto Three or Four of the principal Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery, to be nominated by the greater Number of the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery, by Obligation of the Penalty of One Thouſand Marks, conditioned for his true accounting, and Payment, and Delivery over, unto the Maſter or Prime Warden and Renter Warden that ſhall ſucceed him reſpectively, of and for what ſhall come to his Hands touching the Miſtery aforeſaid, during the Time of his Renterſhip, as now is and hath been uſed in the Fellowſhip aforeſaid: and that the Junior Renter Warden ſhall, within Eight Days next after the Expiration of One Year after his Election, give like Security for Accounting, Paying, and Delivering over, as is before appointed for his laſt Predeceſſor; and in caſe the ſaid Renter Warden or either of them, ſhall neglect, refuſe, or delay to take the ſaid Oath, and become bound with Sureties as aforeſaid, within the Time aforeſaid, he or they ſo neglecting, refuſing, or delaying, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe of the ſaid Society, the Sum of £30 of lawful Money of *England*, for ſuch Neglect, Refuſal, or Delay, and for being ſpared from executing the ſaid Place and Office of Renter Warden of the Miſtery aforeſaid.

Wardens fining, others to be elected.

ALSO it is further ordained, that if any Perſon or Perſons of the ſaid Miſtery ſhall not, within Twenty-eight Days next after his or their Election to the Place of Warden of the ſaid Miſtery, and like Notice thereof given him or them, take upon him or them the ſaid Place or Places, unleſs it be in caſe of Sickneſs, or ſome ſuch other reaſonable Cauſe, to be approved by the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery, or the greateſt Number of them, at their Meeting commonly called a Court of Aſſiſtants; that then he, they, and every of them neglecting or delaying to do the ſame, ſhall be liable to pay, and ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe of the ſaid Society the ſeveral and reſpective Fines aforeſaid,

ſaid, and ſhall be ſpared from executing his and their ſaid Offices reſpectively; and that then the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery, or the greater Number of them at their ſaid Meeting called a Court of Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Miſtery, may, if they think fit, ſpare ſuch Perſon from executing his or their Place or Places to which he or they were ſo choſen as aforeſaid, and elect and chooſe one other fit Perſon or Perſons of the ſaid Miſtery, qualified for the ſame as aforeſaid, in the Place or Places of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo ſpared as aforeſaid; which Perſon or Perſons ſo choſen, in Place of ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo ſpared as aforeſaid, ſhall take upon himſelf the ſaid Place or Places, and take the Oath for the Execution of the ſame, within Eight Days after like Notice of the ſame Election, under the like Penalties ſeverally and and reſpectively as aforeſaid.

No Warden to be Warden again within Two Years.

ALSO it is ordained, that no Perſon of the ſaid Miſtery which hath been a Warden of the ſame Miſtery, be choſen again to be Warden of the Miſtery aforeſaid, within the Space of Two Years then next following after his going out, amoving, or diſcharge from the ſaid Office of Warden (except there be not a ſufficient Supply for the Second, Third, and Fourth Wardens of the Miſtery aforeſaid) and then to be left to the Diſcretion of the Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the greater Number of them, at their Meeting called a Court of Aſſiſtants, to provide a Remedy for the ſame.

For Preſentation of Freemen to be made.

ALSO it is ordained, that no Freeman of the ſaid Fellowſhip ſhall cauſe to be made free at the *Guildhall, London*, any Perſon which hath been his Apprentice, unleſs he ſhall have been firſt preſented and ſworn into the ſaid Fellowſhip, before the Wardens of the ſaid Miſtery for the Time being, or the greater Number of them, upon Pain to forfeit and pay to the Uſe of the ſaid Society the Sum of £5; and that the Wardens of the ſaid Miſtery, for the Time being, ſhall not admit or ſwear any Man into the ſaid Fellowſhip before he hath paid for the ſame Admiſſion Three Shillings Four Pence to the Uſe of the ſaid Society.

Apprentices Indentures to be made by the Clerk.

ALSO it is ordained, that the Clerk of the ſaid Fellowſhip for the Time being, from henceforth, ſhall make all ſuch Indentures whereby any Member of the ſaid Society ſhall bind unto him any Apprentice, and to take for making of every Pair of Indentures only Twelve Pence, and for entering the Admiſſion of the ſame Apprentice Twelve Pence; and if he make any common Obligation, then therefore to have for the Obligation Twelve Pence; and for the Obligation of Merchants Apprentices Two Shillings Six Pence: and what Perſon offendeth againſt this Ordinance ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe of the ſaid Society, for every Time the Sum of Ten Shillings, or any greater Sum not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Shillings, at the Diſcretion of the Wardens and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid Fellowſhip for the Time being.

Oath of the Wardens.

" Ye ſhall ſwear, that you and every of you ſhall be true " and faithful to our Sovereign Lord the King, and to his " Heirs and Succeſſors; you and every of you ſhall endeavour " yourſelves to the beſt you can inſtantly and indifferently to " execute all the good and lawful Ordinances and laudable Acts " made for the Conſervation and politique guiding of the Fel- " lowſhip of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, without ſparing " of any Perſon for Affection, Reward, Meed, Deed, or Pro- " miſe of Reward; and, during the Time you ſhall be in the " ſame office of Warden, of and every Part of ſuch Goods or " Jewels, Sum or Sums of Money, or other Thing or Things " of, touching, or concerning the Fellowſhip or Miſtery afore- " ſaid, as, by reaſon of your Office, ſhall come to your Hands, " or to the Hands of any of you, ye, according to your Ordi- " nances herein expreſſed, ſhall make good, due, true, and " plain Account, or elſe to pay ſuch Fine or Fines as ye be " ordered to pay by your ſaid Articles and Ordinances for your " non ſo doing; ye ſhall not for Malice, nor for Love, or Af- " fection, impoſe any Fine, or amerce any Perſon in greater or " leſs Sum of Money than after the Quality of his or their " Offence or Treſpaſſes, after your Diſcretion and according " with your Ordinances. So help you God.

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Oath of the Freemen.

" YE ſhall ſwear, that ye ſhall be true and faithful to our " Sovereign Lord the King, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors, " in all Matters lawful and honeſt, ye ſhall be obedient to the " Wardens of the Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* of the City of *London*, " for the Time being in that Office, and obedient and ready " to come at their Summons and lawful Warnings, except you " have a lawful Excuſe, without feigning, or Delays, or elſe " to pay ſuch Penalties as ye ſhall forfeit by your Diſobedience, " according to the lawful Ordinances of the Fellowſhip or " Miſtery of *Fiſhmongers* aforeſaid; which Ordinances and every " of them to your Power ye ſhall obſerve and keep, or elſe to " pay ſuch Penalties and Fines as ye ſhall forfeit by reaſon of " your Diſobedience and breaking the ſame: all the lawful " Secrets of the ſaid Fellowſhip, and all ſuch Things as at any " Time of Aſſembly ſhall be lawfully had in Communication " amongſt the Fellowſhip aforeſaid, at any of their Meetings " called a Court of Aſſiſtants, ye ſhall keep ſecret and not " diſcloſe the ſame to any Perſon of that Fellowſhip to whom " the ſame Matter to your Knowledge ſhall in any Manner of " Wiſe concern or touch, or to diſcloſe the ſame to any Perſon " whatſoever he be, to the Intent it ſhould be diſcloſed or " publiſhed. So help you God.

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SUMMARY

OF THE SEVERAL

MEETINGS

Of the WORSHIPFUL COMPANY of

FISHMONGERS,

LONDON:

AT THEIR

HALL, and other PLACES Yearly.

AND OF SUNDRY

GIFTS AND APPOINTMENTS

In the Diſpoſal of the

COURT of ASSISTANTS of the COMPANY.

MEETINGS

OF THE

Worſhipful Company of FISHMONGERS.

JANUARY.

SOMETIME in this Month (as the Prime Warden ſhall pleaſe to appoint) a Committee is holden, previous to the Court in February, *for Binding, and doing ſuch other Buſineſs as may offer. And, in general, Committees are held between the Courts, as Buſineſs may require.*

A Sermon at *St. Pauls. K. Charles the Martyr.* The Wardens Gowns are ſent thither, to be ready in Caſe they ſhould attend. 30th

FEBRUARY.

IN the Firſt or Second Week in this Month (as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) a Court is holden for making Free, Binding, and for other Buſineſs.

This

This is the laſt Court for nominating Freemen to be called on the Livery at the April *Court.*

But ſee the N. B. under *April.*

N. B. *By Order of the Court of 1ſt Day of* Auguſt, 1753, *Courts are to be holden in the Firſt Week of the Months of* February, April, June, Auguſt, October, *and* December, *except the Prime Warden ſhall order a Court to be holden in the Second Week in any of the ſaid Months.*

But ſee the N. B. under *May.*

A Committee is holden in this Month to give Directions for the Dinner on 25th March, *and to do any other Buſineſs.*

MARCH.

22d On this Day, yearly (being the Day on which Archbiſhop *Whitguift* founded the Hoſpital at *Croydon*) Doctor *William Barlow*'s Gift of £3 and Lady *Ann Allott*'s Gift of £4 are diſtributed at *Croydon*, in *Surry*, as follows, viz.

Dr. *Barlow*'s Gift.

To a licenced Preacher for a Sermon, 13*s.* 4*d.* For a Dinner for the Poor in the Hoſpital there, founded by Archbiſhop *Whitguift*, 13*s.* 4*d.* To the Poor's Box in the Hoſpital, 10*s.* To the Vicar for giving Notice of the Sermon to be preached, 3*s.* 4*d.* To the Perſon ſent to pay theſe Legacies, 6*s.* 8*d.* And 13*s.* 4*d.* to be equally divided, at the Hall,

Hall, amongſt Four poor old Men or Women, at the Nomination of the Alderman alone (if any) or the Maſter for the Time being.

N. B. *The* 13*s.* 4*d. hath for many Years been paid to Four Alms People in* St. Peter's *Hoſpital.*

Lady *Ann Allott*'s Gift.

To the Poor in the leſſer Alms-houſes in *Church-Street*, being Nine in Number, 6*s.* 8*d.* each, amounting to £3. And to repair the Pariſh Church of *Sanderſtead*, in *Surry*, £1: Vouchers of the Repairs to be produced, and if the £1 is not laid out, the ſame to be paid to the ſaid Poor.

N. B. *When this Day falls not on a Sunday, the Wardens go to pay theſe Legacies; if on a Sunday, the Company's Deputy Clerk generally goes alone.*

N. B. *The Table of Gifts in* Croydon *Church mention only Eight Houſes.*

By Order of Court, of 8*th* February, 1787, *the Liverymen are ſummoned to dine at the Hall this Day, inſtead of* 5*th* November. 25th

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APRIL.

In the Firſt or Second Week in this Month (as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) a Court is holden to make Free, &c.

At this Court the Freemen, nominated at any of the former Courts ſubſequent to the preceding April, *are ballotted for to be called on the Livery.*

N. B. *By Order of Court of* 11*th* February, 1790, *no further Election of Liverymen (except the Prime Wardens Nomination of Two in his Prime Wardenſhip) is to take Place till the Number amounting to Two Hundred and Four in* April, 1790, *is reduced to One Hundred and Ninety; and that the Number in future ſhall not exceed Two Hundred.*

In this Month, or May *(as the Wardens ſhall think proper) the Court is ſummoned to View the Company's Houſes and Lands in* London; *and a Dinner is ordered at the Hall for thoſe Gentlemen who attend and do the Duty of the Day.*

M A Y.

N. B. *By an Order of Court of the* 8*th of* February, 1754, *a Court is holden in the laſt Week in this Month, inſtead of the Firſt or Second Week in* June, *when it is Election Year, which is every other Year.*

Note alſo, *When it is Election Year, a Committee is holden in this Month, or in* June *(as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) to ſettle the Election Dinner, and to give neceſſary Orders for what may be wanted againſt the Election Day of Wardens, and to do other Buſineſs.*

29th A Sermon at *St. Paul*'s. K. *Charles* II. Reſtoration. The Wardens Gowns are ſent as uſual.

J U N E.

JUNE.

In the Firſt or Second Week in this Month, a Court is holden for making Free, &c.

Except in Election Year, when, purſuant to the Company's Charter the Court is always holden on the *Monday* next before *Midſummer-Day*, for the Election of Wardens, Clerk, and Chaplain of *St. Peter*'s Hoſpital. The Livery are ſummoned to meet at the Hall, to go from thence to *St. Michael*'s Church in *Crooked-Lane*, to hear a Sermon, and afterwards to dine at the Hall, and be preſent at the Declaration of the Election of the Wardens after Dinner, who are afterwards (or ſuch as are preſent) ſworn into their reſpective Offices, and take their Places.

COURT and Livery ſummoned to meet at *Guildhall* to elect Sheriffs, Chamberlain, &c. and afterwards to dine at the Hall. 24th

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JULY.

ABOUT the Middle of this Month (as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) a Committee meet at the Hall, to diſtribute among the Half Yearly Poor of the Company, £100, or thereabouts, out of the Profits of *Sir Thomas Kneſworth*'s Eſtate; and upon other Buſineſs. And afterwards proceed to *St. Peter*'s Hoſpital, at *Newington*, to meet as many Gentlemen of the Court as pleaſe to attend, and examine into the Behaviour of the Alms-People there, and to give each of them 3*s*. in Lieu of a Dinner on that Day.

Note. *The whole Court is ſummoned to attend and dine there.*

Alſo,

Alſo, *At this Committee, or thereabouts, a View is had, by the Wardens, of the Boats to be rowed in, on the 1ſt of* Auguſt, *yearly, (if not* Sunday) *for* Mr. Doggett's *Coat and Badge.*

AUGUST.

1ſt — On this Day, yearly (if not *Sunday)* a Court is holden for doing the uſual Buſineſs; and alſo to ſtart the Wagermen for Mr. *Doggett*'s Coat and Badge: the Direction of which is veſted ſolely in this Company.

N. B. *This Court appoints a Committee to audit the Clerk's Caſh-Book, ending 23d of* June, *yearly.*

SEPTEMBER.

2d — A Sermon at *St. Paul*'s. Anniverſary of Fire of *London.* The Wardens Gowns are ſent as uſual.

29th — The Court and Livery are ſummoned to meet at *Guildhall,* to go from thence to *St. Lawrence*'s Church to hear a Sermon, and then to return to *Guildhall,* to elect a Lord-Mayor; and afterwards to dine at the Company's Hall.

OCTOBER.

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In the First or Second Week in this Month (as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) a Court is holden for doing the uſual Buſineſs.

In this Month (as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) a Committee is holden for giving Directions for the Dinner on Lord-Mayor's Day, for ordering Coats and Gowns for the Alms-People, viewing the Barge (if neceſſary) and other Buſineſs.

A Sermon at *St. Paul*'s (being his preſent Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne.) The Warden's Gowns are ſent as uſual. 25th

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NOVEMBER.

A Sermon at *St. Paul*'s (Powder Plot.) The Wardens Gowns are ſent as uſual. 5th

Court and Livery ſummoned to meet at the Hall, being Lord-Mayor's Day, to attend on the Lord-Mayor, in the Company's Barge, to *Weſtminſter*, to be ſworn in, and on his Return; and afterwards to dine at the Hall. 9th

Sometime in this Month (as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) Sir Thomas Kneſworth's *and* Mr. Thomas Jenyns's *Accounts, kept by the Company's Clerk, are to be audited in the Compting-Houſe on the Wharf at* Porter's-Key, *in the Preſence of the Chamberlain of* London, *if he chooſes to attend, he being ſummoned for that Purpoſe. If he attends, he is paid £1 1s. and invited to dine at the Hall.*

DECEMBER.

In the Firſt or Second Week in this Month (as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) a Court is holden for doing the uſual Buſineſs.

20th Or thereabouts (as the Prime Warden ſhall appoint) a Committee meet at the Hall, to diſtribute to the Half Yearly Poor ſeveral Coal-Money Legacies, amounting to £28 1*s.* 4*d.* Alſo Mr. *Robert Gayer*'s Gift of £5, Mr. *James Martin*'s Gift of £2 10*s.* and a further Sum out of the Profits of the Eſtate late of Sir *Thomas Kneſworth*: The whole amounting to about £100; and afterwards proceed to meet the reſt of the Court at *St. Peter*'s Hoſpital, to examine into the Behaviour of the Alms-People, and to diſtribute among them Sir *John Gayer*'s Gift of £5 — Mr. *Baſkervill*'s Gift of £4 — Mrs. *Broomſgrave*'s Gift of £1 — The Proportion of Mr. *Arthur Mowſee*'s Gift of £11 14*s.* 8*d.* being £4 11*s.* 8*d.* and ſuch further Sum out of the Company's Caſh, as will pay each of the Forty-two Alms-People £1 1*s.* by Order of Court of the 10th of *December*, 1789.

N. B. *Sometime before this Committee, Coats and Gowns are diſtributed at the Hall to the above Alms-People, in the Preſence of the Renter Warden, if he chooſes to attend—They have a Glaſs of Wine given to each of them, at the Diſcretion of the Renter Warden: If Mr. Renter Warden does not attend, Five Bottles of Wine are ſent by the Upper Keeper for the Alms-People.*

GIFTS AND APPOINTMENTS.

There are in the Gift of the Court, Twelve Exhibitions, of £10 *a Year each, to Students in either of the* Universities, *except one, which is confined to* Cambridge. *The Students enjoy their Exhibitions for ſeven Years, from the Time they are entered at College. If any Candidate has been educated at the Company's School at* Holt, *ſuch Candidate has ſometimes the Preference, but not always.*

N. B. *By Order of Court of the 1ſt of Auguſt,* 1785, *no Perſon can be admitted a Candidate, who has any annual Emolument of* £30.

Alſo, *There are in the Gift of the Court, Six Preſentations to* Chriſt *Hoſpital, of Children of Freemen of the Company, which are filled up on Death, or Removal from the Hoſpital, of any ſuch Children as the Court from Time to Time preſent.*

Alſo, *The Court has the Nominating of a Perſon to the Fellowſhip in* Sidney Suſſex College, Cambridge, *called* Smith's *Fellowſhip; Value ſuppoſed to be from* £70 *to* £100 *per Year. Alſo, The Court has the nominating a Scholar from* Holt *School to* Smith's *Scholarſhip in the ſaid College, with an Exhibition of* £8 *per Annum, by Order of Court of the* 19*th of* May, 1749, *and which* £8 *is paid by the Company, excluſive of the Profits ariſing from the Scholarſhip.*

Alſo,

Alſo, *The Court has the Appointment of a Maſter to Sir* John Greſham's *Free Grammar School at* Holt, Norfolk, *which is under the Government of this Company. The Maſter has a Houſe to live in (the Repairs of which, and the Window Tax, are borne by the Company) £40 a Year Salary for himſelf, and £15 for an Uſher; and about Five Acres of Land belonging to the Houſe, which the Maſter enjoys.*

N. B. *By Order of Court of the 9th of October, 1761, Eight Viſitors of the School were ordered; and the Scholars are examined yearly at* Chriſtmas, *in the Preſence of ſuch Viſitors as attend, who ſign a Certificate thereof, which is ſent to the Hall, with a State of the School. The Court alſo appoints a Steward for their Manor of* Holt Pereers, *at* Holt, *who holds a Court, receives the Rents, pays the School Maſter, &c. and ſends his Account yearly. The Court likewiſe appoints a Game-Keeper to ſuch Manor.*

Alſo, *The Court has the Appointment of Two Perſons, Free of the Company, to be the Company's Tackle Porters at the Water Side, for Shipping and Unſhipping Goods.*

AND *the Court has likewiſe the Appointment of Two Perſons, Free of the Company, to be the Company's Fiſh Meters, to prevent the Landing and Diſpoſing of unwholeſome Fiſh within the Juriſdiction of* London *and the* Suburbs.—*Salary £10 per Annum each.*

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The ALMS-HOUSES, at the Diſpoſal of the COURT, are, in the Whole, Ninety-four, viz.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL, founded by JAMES HULBERT, ESQ. and the COMPANY, viz. Twenty-two by the COMPANY, called the *Old Buildings*, and Twenty by MR. HULBERT, called the *New Buildings*; in the Whole,

FORTY-TWO,

In *St. Peter's* Hoſpital, *Newington, Surry.*

THE Company's Chaplain performs Divine Service every Day in the Week (Sundays excepted) in the Chapel there, and viſits the Alms-People in their Illneſs, for which he is allowed by the Company £30 a Year, and a Gratuity of Twenty Guineas every Two Years.

THE ſingle Alms-People have each 7*s.* and the married 12*s.* per Week, paid every Month, and a Coat or Gown, and One Chaldron and an Half of Coals yearly.

BESIDES which, Sir *Thomas Trevor*, and his Lady's Annual Gift of 20*s.* a Piece to Six poor Widows, or other poor People inhabiting within the City of *London*, or within One Mile's Compaſs, hath, for many Years, been paid to Six poor Widows in the ſaid Hoſpital, viz. 5*s.* every Quarter.

ALSO, Mr. *John Fletcher*'s Annual Gift of £6 to the Twenty-two Alms-People in the *Old Buildings*, to buy Bread and Beef to dine together every Sunday in the Year, in the Hall there; hath for many Years, been paid to the ſaid Twenty-two Alms-People, in Money, viz. 10*s*. every Month.

BESIDES, the Renter Warden of the Company viſits the ſaid Alms-People occaſionally, and relieves ſuch as ſtand in Need.

JESUS HOSPITAL, founded by WILLIAM GODDARD, ESQ.

FORTY at *Jeſus* Hoſpital, at *Bray*, *Berks*. Six of which are for poor People, Free of the Company; the other Thirty-four for Pariſhoners of *Bray*, and Inhabitants for Twenty Years before elected.

THE ſingle Alms-People, Free of the Company, in this Hoſpital, have 28*s*. per Month each, and the married £2 8*s*. per Month each, including Mr. *Jereimah Copping*'s Gift of £36 per Annum to the Free Alms-People; and the Pariſhonary Alms-People, both ſingle and married, about 2*s*. per Week each, all paid by the Company, and a Coat or Gown Once in Two Years, beſides Firing.

Note, *The Court appoints a Steward for their Manor of Lords Land, or* Crutchfield, *at* Bray, *who receives the Rent, pays the Alms-People, and ſends his Account yearly; he alſo holds a Court, when a Committee viſits the Company's Eſtate; and, every Seven Years, the Company gives him £30 for his Trouble. The Court likewiſe appoints a Game-Keeper to ſuch Manor.*

HARRIETSHAM ALMS-HOUSES, founded by MARK QUESTED, ESQ.

TWELVE at *Harrietſham*, in *Kent*, Six of which are for poor People, Free of the Company, and the other Six for the Pariſhoners of *Harrietſham*.

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THE ſingle and married Alms-People, Free of the Company, in theſe Houſes, have the like Monthly Pay as thoſe in *Jeſus Hoſpital*, including a like Gift of £36 per Annum given to them by the ſaid Mr. *Copping*, and the Pariſhonary Alms-People 6*s*. 3*d*. per Month each, both paid by the Company, and a Coat or Gown Once in Two Years, beſides Firing.

N. B. *The Company's Tenant, at* Hollingborn, *pays the Alms-People, and the Company allows him* £4. 4*s*. *per Year. The Court appoints a Game-Keeper of the Manor of* Pencourt *there.*

ALL the Alms-People in general, muſt be upwards of Fifty Years of Age before elected, and thoſe Free of the Company muſt alſo have been Five Years Free.

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